

We The People

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Halal Hell



Good day to you. Here is a subject you may know about but perhaps not to the extent to which it influences societies around the world. Put simply its food. Now many cultures have their own unique foods and produce and the reasons for this are varied. Spices were introduced to make bland food more palatable while locally available produce forms part of the diet in a given area. This might include maize, rice, root vegetables and fruit along with fish and meat. Without immigration we probably wouldn't have the variety of foods available today in Australia and that's to our benefit and delight.

It gets a bit tricky though when we look into religious beliefs which subscribe to certain meal preparation and specify certain foods. One you might be familiar with is the term **Kosher** which is used by the good Jewish folk to meet their beliefs. **Kosher** simply means "suitable and pure". So it applies in many other religions and other forms as well. Interestingly modern dietitians and the health industry also sanction and encourage certain food types too for general health.

The Muslim version of this is **halal** certification. That's fine except it appears Muslims want all food to carry a **halal** ID and to get that the manufacturer must pay an annual fee to one or more of the 25 halal certifiers in Australia. That cost is passed onto the consumer whether or not they are Muslim. This becomes a very big problem when exporting especially to Indonesia where there are over 200 million Muslims just to our north. Indonesia accepts our live cattle and then slaughters them in line with sharia law without stunning the animal and it appears the government sees nothing wrong with this as the fawn to that Muslim nation. This halal certification process effectively holds manufacturers to ransom in that if they don't label their food accordingly then Muslims won't buy it and the export markets won't take the product. In the case of meat the Muslim requirement is simply barbaric where the cattle or beast must face Mecca and then have their throat slit while conscious, falling to the ground and bleeding to death in agony. This is primitive, violent and it's disgusting. Now, there are laws in Australia which require the halal slaughtered animal to be reversibly stunned but only after their throat is cut. In the case of a handful of abattoirs they are actually given exemption and the cruel process requires the conscious cattle to bleed to death and suffer the pain and fear of torture. This is in Australia today and you could be a consumer collaborating without knowing it. In the case of sheep, stunning is not required so how's that for barbaric and the Australian federal and State governments are culpable. Our traditional Australian abattoirs kill the animal outright with a non reversible stun or bolt gun.

It's true, for us to eat meat an animal must be killed. How that happens is very important and I for one would not eat the meat of a tortured animal as Sharia law requires. That law is coming to Australia by stealth and this slaughter is but one example. It's vulgar, crude and inhumane and does NOT please the almighty. In my view there is plenty of evidence to suggest Islam is a cruel and violent religion where people and cattle are slaughtered at will. Beheadings are common place, just switch on the television news and see for yourself as these maniacs roam the world killing and subjugating women and murdering live stock.

It's an insidious paralyses and in the wake of Australia day anything but Australian. Here are just some examples of manufacturers and products which have halal certification. Cadbury, Aeroplane Jelly, Vegemite, A2 milk, Coles Chickens, Lenards Chicken, Streets Ice Cream, Loftus Pies, Abbots Village Bakery, Aldi, Kellogs All Bran, Heinz, Pride Meats, Herbert Addams, Helgas, Hogs Breath, Hungry Jacks, Inghams, Masterfoods and the list goes on and on. If you live in Southport or Labrador then you're in luck because you can choose from three halal butchers who publically advertise their cruel butchering practices. Now if a food line does not have the little Arabic halal signature then that doesn't necessarily mean it doesn't comply. The manufacturer may sign up for certification but doesn't display it on the product so we may not necessarily know.

My deep and abiding concern, apart from the growing lack of free speech in Australia, is the insidious growth of some mindless Islamic rituals and in my view halal certification is simply not acceptable in modern Australia and the certification process undermines our right to freely choose. But wait there's more. The best estimate I could find is that across the world the halal racket raises 3 trillion dollars a year and no one knows where the cash goes. That's a lot of money and I will bet you some of it is used for supporting the nutters overseas and perhaps here. It's also used to build mosques and schools all of which infiltrate our way of life without our knowledge. Choose wisely when you shop and stop the halal rort by not buying goods with that primitive certification.

I will have a lot more to say about Islam this year and so until next time this is Kent Bayley